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State Fire Safety Board Meeting

Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910
Thursday, October 17, 2019
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Bulson, Representing Hospital Administrators
Steven Densmore, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Lindsey Haley, Representing Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Kenneth Herbart, Chair, Representing Registered Architects
Mark Jensen, Representing the Liquefied Petroleum and Flammable Compressed Gas Industry
Tina Kerr, Representing School Board Administrators/Members
Andrew Marceau, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Jeramie Morris, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry
Patrick Phelan, Representing the Professional Engineers
Dylan Rogers, Representing Places of Public Assemblage
Ron Sabin, Acting Chairperson, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal/Director, Ex-Officio Member
Robert Williams, Representing the Building Trades

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeffery Green, Representing Fire Departments in the Upper Peninsula
Paul Korte, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
Kenneth Letts, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry
Michael Powers, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors

OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:

Laurie Nevin, LARA/BFS, Acting Recording Secretary

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Robert Meagher, Certified Fire Protection Specialist
Kristi Deiphouse, Spectrum Health

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The State Fire Safety Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Kenneth Herbart asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Herbart advised of the emergency exiting procedures and roll call was taken by Laurie Nevin, Acting Recording Secretary. A quorum was determined present. The Chairman welcomed all attendees.

II. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

19-10-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Sabin** and seconded by **Board Member Morris** to approve the meeting agenda for October 17, 2019, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

19-10-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Marceau** and seconded by **Board Member Bulson** to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Meagher, Certified Fire Protection Specialist: Report out on a fire that occurred on September 23, 2019 at East Side Detroit Elderly located at 12801 Mack Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. A handout was provided. Mr. Meagher asked what action, if any, the board planned to take on this issue. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared he would follow up on the incident report and if available, provide an update at the next meeting. Mr. Meagher asked Board Member Williams what industry's stance was on tagging impaired systems. Board Member Williams replied that they are not opposed to tagging impaired systems. Mr. Meagher stated that he would attend the next meeting on December 5, 2019.

V. **STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:**

- a) **New Appointments:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier welcomed Dylan Rogers and Patrick Phelan to the State Fire Safety Board and congratulated Chairman Herbart on his recent appointment as the chairperson.
- b) **NFIRS Report:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier provided the board with a list of fire/incident statistics for the last five years for review and further discussion during new business.
- c) **MI Prevention:** The Fire Marshal reported out on MI Prevention and the progress made on grant activities. To date, MI Prevention has provided approximately 16,000 smoke alarms and 4,000 carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to 114 partnering fire departments to install in homes statewide. The bureau has received an extension on the grant from FEMA through December 2019.
- d) **Fatal Fire Reports:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier provided an update to the board regarding the new electronic process that fire departments are using to report fire fatalities. To date, there have been 74 fatal fires in 2019.
- e) **Legislative Changes Related to Fire Fighter Training:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council is revising the Fire Fighters Training Council General Rules to implement changes in Public Act 291 of 1966. These changes include additional certifications, continuing education requirements and fire reporting requirements.

- f) **Class B Foam Update:** The Fire Marshal shared that US Ecology was awarded the contract to collect and dispose of the foam as reported by Michigan fire departments. He also discussed disposal methods and alternative products for Class B AFFF foam.

VI. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- a) **HB 4792:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that this bill is regarding unattended tanks. This bill was entered as a tourism bill with the idea that travel will increase if fuel is available unattended 24 hours/7 days per week. Currently, there is no movement or changes to report at this time.
- b) **SB 460:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that this bill is regarding medical first responder reports. Currently, there is no movement or changes to report at this time.

VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **NFIRS Report:** The board further discussed the NFIRS report provided by Fire Marshal Sehlmeier and how the bureau, with the help of MI Prevention, is tracking fire fatalities.
- b) **Vote on Vice-Chairperson:** Board Member Sabin expressed an interest in being the Vice-Chairperson for the board.

19-10-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Bulson** and seconded by **Board Member Williams** to accept the nomination. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) **Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule:** The board discussed the proposed meeting schedule. Board Member Marceau requested alternative dates in June and September due to scheduling conflicts.

19-10-04

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Bulson** and **Board Member Williams** to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. **STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD COMMENT:**

Board Member Sabin commented on the picture of the fire at East Side Detroit Elderly provided by Mr. Meagher. Based on the picture he did not feel the facility required fire suppression in the attic. It also doesn't appear that there was draft stopping in the attic.

Board Member Densmore added that he heard the fire at East Side Detroit Elderly started on the outside of the building and overtook the roof.

The board further discussed the topic of impairments and provided the new board members with background information, to include Mr. Meagher's concerns and possible/suggested avenues for Mr. Meagher to pursue to find a resolution.

Board Member Morris inquired about their new State of Michigan email accounts. Fire Marshal Sehlmeier explained that the board will transition to the new accounts per Executive Directive 2019-5.

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier said that he looks forward to working with the new board members.

Board Member Rogers introduced himself and shared that he is excited to learn and participate on the board.

Board Member Williams encouraged the other board members to get involved with MI Prevention.

Board Member Phelan said that he is looking forward to serving on the board.

Board Member Jensen explained the travel expense reimbursement process to the new members.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

19-10-05

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Sabin** and seconded by **Board Member Densmore** to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2019, at the Bureau of Fire Services located at 3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

APPROVED:



State Fire Safety Board Chairman

12/5/19
Date:

KENNETH R HERBERT
Printed Name of the State Fire Safety Board Chairman